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Monthly Meeting

Howard County Council
January 9, 2017
C. Vernon Gray Room
8:30 a.m.

Minutes (Approved)

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Members Present: Jon Weinstein, Chairperson; Calvin Ball, Vice Chairperson; Greg Fox; Mary Kay Sigaty; Jennifer Terrasa

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor

Citizens' Election Fund Implementing Legislation

Brent Ferguson, Brennan Center for Justice, provided an overview of public campaign financing and discussed key program variables such as contribution limits, match ratios, candidate qualification thresholds, and other logistical issues. Jared DeMarinis, Maryland State Board of Elections, discussed implementation details including donor qualification and verification, audits, and enforcement. Jennifer Bevan-Dangel, Common Cause Maryland and Fair Elections Maryland Coalition, discussed funding questions. All three guests addressed questions raised by the Council.

Budgetary Impact of Ellicott City Flood and Recovery Efforts

Holly Sun, Brook Mamo, and Rafiu Ighile provided an overview of the budgetary impact of the Ellicott City flood, the legislation that has been submitted to the Council for a budget amendment, and the FEMA reimbursement process. Ryan Miller and Jim Irvin joined them in answering questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

- Clarification of how much of the total reimbursement is for capital projects
- A breakdown of where reimbursed funds will be directed within the budget

Council Member Reports

Mr. Weinstein had no specific report as Chairperson. For the Patuxent River Commission, Ms. Sigaty reported that she had to miss the last meeting due to TIF deliberations. Their next meeting will be this Wednesday. For MACo, Dr. Ball reported that he testified on behalf of Council at Delegation Hearing. Session will be starting this week. For NACo, Mr. Fox reported that the NACo Legislative Conference will be at the end of February.

Staff Reports

Ms. Feldmark and Mr. Glendenning referred to their written reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.